

Situation Name:**2022 01 28 – Public Safety – Planned Truck Demonstration – Ottawa****EOC Operations Group SitRep****2022 01 30 / 17:30 hours**

Roll Call	
Department / Service	Name
EOC Ops Group Commander	Beth Gooding
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Emergency Information Officer	Caroline Barriere, Don Lonie
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Public Safety Branch	Jake Gravelle
Corporate Security	Clayton Foster, Andrew Pouliot
Enforcement	Tania McCumber
Fire Suppression and Rescue	Mike Holmes
Peace and Order	Sam Roberts, Trisha Caron
Road Access	Chris Brinkmann
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ICS = Innovative Client Services Department

NCRCC = National Capital Region Command Centre

OPL = Ottawa Public Library

PEOC = Provincial Emergency Operations Centre

RCFS = Recreation, Cultural and Facility Services

Agenda

1. Welcome / Roll Call
2. Situational Update

3. Section Updates
4. Roundtable
5. Next Steps / Adjourn

1. Welcome / Roll Call (B. Gooding / P. Parenti)

- The meeting was called to order at 17:30 hours.
- P. Parenti conducted roll call.

2. Situational Update

- S. Roberts: Low numbers on the Hill and approximately 100 on Wellington.
 - Approximate vehicle counts: 50 on Wellington, 40 on the Sir John A MacDonald Parkway (SJAM), none on Sir George-Etienne Cartier Parkway (GEC), 200 in the downtown core, and the biggest gridlock of 400 on Kent.
 - Police Liaison Team continuing to have good conversations with organizers; trying to convince them that it is time to leave the City; then can start to shrink the perimeter.
 - For Hospitals, appreciate challenge with Chaudiere; last note was that it is available for transit, as well as health care workers who present identification. Health care / essential workers should still plan well ahead and anticipate there could be slowdowns at any time.
 - Convoy of tractors arrived in the core earlier today, blocking an intersection. Of note, reports of a 'hit and run' of a tractor vs cruiser was not deemed malicious, the driver made a mistake and then was afraid and hid for a little while.
 - Calls for service have been minor situations that haven't broken out into a mob mentality.
 - Number of vehicles in the core is slowly reducing. OPP escorted one of the convoys out of the city earlier today.
 - Have been in contact with the hotel association who are receiving bookings for this coming weekend (February 5 / 6).
 - T. Caron: Hotels are being advised that they do not have to accept bookings if they are from trucking groups; hotels are refusing the bookings. There are some coming from Quebec, Montreal in particular.
- K. Cochrane: No major incidents to report.
 - Did see ATVs delivering fuel, which was stopped by police.
 - Reporters being harassed, so news began reporting from a distance. There were no physical altercations.
 - The 9 tractors have not left Rideau / Sussex yet.
 - Looking at strategies to release City fleet in light of duration they have been used and the impending snowstorm.

3. Section Updates

Public Safety Section

- J. Gravelle: Tracking snow forecast and releasing of City fleet vehicles a key issue.
- C. Foster: Busy day at City Hall, managing access to the parking garage for Members of Parliament and officers attending the Court House; planning for the same tomorrow. Of note, Parliament is meeting for four (4) weeks.
 - There have been no issues related to the demonstrations.
 - Noted with respect to impending snowstorm and on street parking ban might create an issue with residents who would usually park at City Hall.
- T. McCumber: Less calls than previous day with respect to blocked laneway calls in residential areas within the core.
 - There was a dog bite incident in the Market, which was resolved.
 - Complaints from business owners of demonstrators refusing to wear masks – handling the best we can.

- M. Holmes: Responded to one call for a barrel fire (in the demonstration perimeter). Operations remain stable.
- C. Brinkmann: Nothing to report aside from long list of road and lane closures.
- R. Lafleur: Buses were able to access SJAM again this afternoon, so some regular routes were back in service.
 - Continuing to keep buses off the interprovincial bridges for now, in case there are issues with access again; Societe de transport de l'Outaouais (STO) is doing the same by not coming to the Ottawa side for the rest of today, at least.
 - Question: Are public services still planning to remain closed on Tuesday? Do we need routes back in the core?
 - C. Foster: City Hall will remain closed tomorrow, including ServiceOntario.
 - C. Barriere: To send PSA which includes all City services that will be closed tomorrow.
- C. Hall: Experienced challenges at the Robert O. Pickard Environmental Centre (ROPEC) with demonstration participants trying to empty their RVs while not wearing masks.
 - S. Roberts: Were Police called?
 - C. Hall: Did not call Police; if participants weren't wearing masks, we didn't let them in.

Health and Human Needs

- M. Lavery: Main and Rideau Library Branches will remain closed tomorrow, as well as the St. Luke's and Pinocchio Child Care Centres.
 - University of Ottawa vaccine clinic will remain closed tomorrow. Smaller clinics in the downtown core will be closed. Bookings for University of Ottawa have been closed off to minimize call-backs if have to close again on Wednesday.
 - Facilities: Looking at controlling access for facilities in the downtown core, including the Ottawa Art Gallery, Arts Court and Jack Purcell. Other facilities will operate as scheduled.
 - The Horticulture Building remains available for use by Police. Hintonburg, Shenkman and Ben Franklin Place remain on standby.
- A. Farias regarding Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton Park (RCGT): trucks started blocking off all access into and out of the stadium; there was a construction project underway, staff were able to leave the site without conflict; they do seem to be moving out of the way when asked to do so. There are approximately 40 vehicles remaining on site.
 - K. Cochrane: It appears some of the truckers thought it was still being used as a vaccination site, which was why they were blocking access.
- For Public Health: Harm reduction van operating, but continuing to avoid the downtown core.
- J. Doherty: Two calls for service inside perimeter, no transports. There have been no impacts from the event towards normal City response.
- C. Nolan: Representing Hospital Emergency Preparedness Committee of Ottawa (HEPCO) as well as Ontario Health East. Hospitals reporting no issues with staffing.
 - Patient volumes manageable, with the exception of Montfort, experiencing off-load delays which may extend into the evening; also seeing higher volume of mental health patients presenting today.
 - The General is also experiencing off-load days.
 - Home and community care noted one four-hour delay getting in to see a patient; noted that a lot of staff rely on the bus system, so some had to walk to support patients.
 - Conducting forward planning for the remainder of the week to ensure can support clients.
 - Ottawa Inner City Health is experiencing staffing challenges; monitoring and noted to hospitals regarding impact.
 - Maintaining same posture for tomorrow.
- Flagged a request from Council Liaison: Councillor Menard inquired about a resident who could not access their medication as the Rideau Centre Shoppers Drug Mart was closed; there isn't a resolution at this time. Do we know if Rideau Centre will be closed again tomorrow?
 - J. Gravelle: Haven't heard yet; will follow-up.

Command Staff

- C. Rissler: steady call volumes; tone of calls still challenging, but to be expected.
- J. Kaleniecka: Enquiry received from a Councillor regarding enforcement; suggesting City is not doing enough. Another Councillor inquired about barriers at Parkdale.
- M. Foster: No updates to provide.
- N. Ward: No updates to provide.
- L. Shaver: No further updates to provide.
- C. Barriere: Media avail was approximately two hours of speeches and questions.
 - PSA issued.
 - Mayor's Office has requested a Council briefing tomorrow; looking into format, may not be able to accommodate tomorrow.
- B. Gooding: Determining if an EOC Control Group meeting may be required tomorrow. Will keep this group informed so respective members can be briefed accordingly.

Planning Section

- K. Donaldson: No updates to provide.

4. Roundtable

- B. Gooding: Maintaining current posture, continuing to support police – encouraging people to leave the City.
- S. Roberts: Demonstrators have exercised their democratic rights; antics have shifted public sentiment.
 - Demobilization planning ongoing, including tactics that are in the works that will hopefully encourage demonstrators to leave.
 - Current posture is working.
- K. Cochrane: Seeing decrease in physical presence; kudos to police partners.
 - Concern at NCRCC remains that those who want to make a statement will stay longer; looking at strategies to change tactics with extremist.
- B. Gooding: Are there any events planned for tomorrow?
 - K. Cochrane: None that are known of.

5. Next Steps

- K. Cochrane: First NCRCC SitRep tomorrow is scheduled for 09:00 hours.
- P. Parenti: Reviewed EOC meeting schedule.

The meeting was adjourned at 18:08 hours.

Approved By: Beth Gooding

Position: EOC Operations Group Commander

Date and Time: 2022 01 31 / 20:55 hours